

The nominations of Sidney R. Thomas, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Todd J. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, P. Michael Duffy, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Kim McLane Wardlaw, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and E. Richard Webber, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri; and

S.J. Res. 38, granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact.

Also, committee ordered reported H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, and failed to approve S. Res. 104, referring S. 676 entitled "A bill for the relief of D.W. Jacobson, Roland Karkala, and Paul Bjorgen of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and for other

purposes" to the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report on the bill.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, November 15.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine certain issues relative to Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on the handling of certain documents following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Jane C. Sherburne, Special Counsel to the President; and Lloyd Cutler, former Special Counsel to the President.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, November 14.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2601–2611; and 2 private bills, H.R. 2612, 2613; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 263 were introduced. **Pages H12084–85**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 259, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2539, to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation (H. Rept. 104–329);

H. Res. 260, waiving the provisions of clause 4(b) of House rule XI against the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 104–330);

H. Res. 331, providing for the consideration of Senate amendments to H.J. Res. 115, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–331); and

H. Res. 332, providing for the consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 2586, to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit (H. Rept. 104–332). **Page H12084**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Fox of Pennsylvania to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11977**

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 338 yeas to 66 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 776, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, November 8.

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D.C. Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representative Walsh, Bonilla, Kingston, Frelinghuysen, Neumann, Livingston, Dixon, Durbin, Kaptur, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Dixon motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the House position relating to technical corrections to the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act. **Pages H11981–82**

Product Liability: House disagreed to the Senate amendment H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Sensenbrenner, Gekas, Inglis of South Carolina, Bryant of Tennessee, Conyers, Schroeder, and Berman.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Oxley, Cox of California, and Wyden.

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Rejected the Conyers motion to instruct House conferees not to agree to any provision that would limit the total damages recoverable for injuries by aged individuals, women, or children to an amount less than that recoverable by other plaintiffs with substantially similar injuries (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 777).

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Temporary Public Debt Limit Increase: By a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 781, the House passed H.R. 2586, to provide for a temporary increase in public debt limit.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 780, rejected the Payne of Virginia motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to strike out all after the enacting clause and report the bill back forthwith containing an amendment in the nature of a substitute that would temporarily increase the public debt limit to \$4,967,000,000,000.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 779, agreed to the Walker amendment that requires all Federal agencies to conduct regulatory impact assessments and cost benefit analysis on most proposed regulations that have an economic impact of more than \$50 million; requires agencies to review all reasonable alternatives to a proposed rule and in most cases select the least costly option; requires specified Federal agencies to prepare detailed analyses of the costs and benefits provided by the rule relating to risk reduction; provides that Congress can block most new regulations within 60 days of their issuance; and contains language regarding judicial review of new rules and regulations.

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H. Res. 258, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 778.

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Meeting Hour: House agreed to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 10.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmits the sixteenth annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight;

National Corporation for Housing Partnerships: Message wherein he transmits the annual report of the

National Housing Partnership for fiscal years 1993 and 1994—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services; and

Commodity Credit Corporation: Message wherein he transmits the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1993—referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11982–83, H11988–89, H12006, H12061–62, H12063–64, and H12064. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. HOUSING ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act of 1995.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995.

ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Energy Policy Conservation Act Reauthorization of 1995. Testimony was heard from Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy Secretary, Energy Programs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint oversight hearing on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Testimony was heard from Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; R. B. Marquez, Commissioner, Natural Resource Conservation Commission, State of Texas; Dennis Drake, Chief, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

OLDER AMERICANS AMENDMENTS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families began markup of H.R. 2570, Older Americans Amendments of 1995.